

# REPORT

OF

## THE LADIES'

## UNION ASSOCIATION,

OF PHILADELPHIA,

Formed July 20th, 1863,

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING EXCLUSIVELY TO THE  
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THE LADIES' UNION ASSOCIATION, formed July 20th, 1863, for the purpose of administering exclusively to the wants of the Sick and Wounded Colored Soldiers, was, on Feb. 26th, 1865, (the war being over and their assistance no longer needed in support of the above-named object,) reorganized with a view of working in behalf of the Freedmen, who, by the Providence of God through the late war, have bursted the fetters which bound them for so many years, and whom it is now our duty and privilege to assist. A sense of the justice of our cause together with the generous co-operation of the public in our previous undertakings were incentives to our renewed exertions. The most flattering success which was the result of our labors as the Union Asso. crowned our efforts in the new organization, and we now avail ourselves of this opportunity of expressing to the generous public our sincere thanks for their manifest interest in the welfare of the Association, and also for the readiness with which they responded to our appeals for assistance. Since its organization, the Association has sent to different parts of the South, boxes containing articles of bodily comfort, and also the means of mental improvement to the amount of \$950.00.

Last December, the Asso. desiring to send a box of clothing &c. to the Freedmen of Charleston, solicited contributions from members of the several churches, and for the purpose of receiving these donations, a committee, consisting of the following ladies, met December 12th, at Masonic Hall, South Eleventh Street:—

Mrs. Elijah Hunt, Mrs. Edith Press, Miss C. R. Le Count, Miss Emily Davis, Miss Ellen Black.

The Committee gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following:—Dresses, 21; Shirts, 24; Drawers, 12 pairs; Pants, 15 pairs; Coats, 27; Shoes, 30 pairs; Sugar 14 lbs.; Under garments, 52; 100 pieces of Children's clothing; 9 vests and \$7.50



Last April, a box containing books, was sent to Messrs. Adams and Gibbs' School at Charleston, of the receipt of which, the following letters are an acknowledgement:—

Miss Amelia Mills, 1015 Lombard St., Phila. Pa.

Charleston, S. C. Jan'y 29, 1865.

Dear Friend:

I obtained to-day your two boxes of clothing sent by Express, valued at \$250, for gratuitous distribution among the Freedmen.

Present my sincere thanks to the Ladies of this noble Association for their valuable gift to the destitute and suffering among the Freedmen.

There is a vast amount of suffering here, which is the direct result of the villainous doings of the "rebs."

Hundreds of Freedmen have come into this city, driven from the plantations where they worked last year, by the rebs, without a penny for the entire year's work.

I will state one case out of a score, just such:—I brought to the office of the Leader, three Freedmen I met among a company of 150, who were upon an open lot, just as they left the cars, for several days. These men said they belonged to a gang that had 14 *full hands*. They engaged last April to work for one-fourth the crops and be fed up to Jan'y 1, 1866. They raised 300 bushels of Shelled Corn, 100 bushels Shell Peas, half bale of cotton and some other things of value. Two months ago the man refused to find food and they were compelled to shift as they could. They received for their entire work *one bushel of corn* to a hand, and the reb refused to let them stay on his place because they would not agree to work for the same this year. Negroes wont work!

Yours in haste,

J. C. GIBBS.

The amount in the Treasury at the close of the LADIES' UNION Fair was \$500.00, which was intended to be given toward a home to be built exclusively for Colored Soldiers. But there being no prospect of this home being built, and having received a note from Mrs. Souders, chairman of a committee of the Home, 16th and Filbert, asking for a donation, and promising to admit colored soldiers, we concluded

to contribute \$350.00 to this object, and the remaining \$150 in aid of the Freedmen; of this amount \$50.00 was expended in twine for the Freedmen at Roanoke Island, \$25.00 in the purchase of books for Rev. E. J. Adams' School at Charleston, \$75.00 in clothing for Freedmen of Rev. J. C. Gibbs' School at the same place. The following note is an acknowledgement of the receipt of the sum donated to the Soldiers' Home:

Mrs. Edward A. Souder on behalf of the managers of the Soldiers' Home, acknowledges gratefully the receipt of three hundred and fifty dollars from the LADIES' UNION ASSOCIATION of Philadelphia.

Soldiers' Home, June 1st, 1866.

Charleston, S. C. April 11th, 1866.

L. U. Association, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Ladies,

I have had the great pleasure of receiving the package of singing books and catechisms you have so kindly donated for the benefit of our School; your money could not have been more profitably spent, nor can any gift be more thankfully received.

If your Association existed only for the purpose of furnishing the means of education it could do nothing more praiseworthy; may you live long and accomplish much. In behalf of our Sabbath School, I tender many thanks for such an exhibition of charity.

Yours, truly,

E. J. ADAMS.

#### RECEIPTS.

Donation,	\$7.50
From Mrs. Bowser,	108.36
“ Mr. Hunt,	30.00
“ Zoar Church,	14.00
“ Pic-nic,	42.00
“ Monthly Dues,	18.00
“ Dr. Delacy,	2.00
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Expenditures.	220.02
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Amount on hand	\$1.84



## EXPENDITURES.

Garments for Freedmen,	\$35.00
To Judge Kelly, for publishing Loyal papers,	50.00
Expenses of Representative (W. Forten,) to Convention at Pittsburg,	15.00
Printing Report for 1865,	30.00
Shoes for destitute Soldiers,	6.50
Passage home of a Freedwoman,	3.00
Serving notices, stamps and paper,	3.15
Expenses of a Pic-nic,	73.37
Expenses of a committee to form an auxiliary.	4.00
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	220.02

## Donations to Association for Freedmen.

1200 slates per Mrs. T. Davis, from I. Newton Pierce,	valued at	\$325.00
Clothing from Volunteer Refreshment Saloon, per Mrs. Wade,	valued at	125.00
Books from Sunday School Union,	“ “	23.00
“ “ Presbyterian Rooms,	“ “	23.00
36 Bibles from American Bible Society,	“ “	9.00
Books and clothing from Mrs. Lowry,	“ “	15.00

The handsome black velvet dressing gown, cap and slippers which were voted on at the last Fair of the L. U. A., were presented to Gen. B. F. Butler, he having received the largest number of votes. The following letter is the acknowledgement of its receipt.

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*Washington City, March 13th, 1866.*

LADIES OF THE UNION ASSOCIATION, PHILAD'A.

Mesdames,

For your beautiful presents, forwarded to me through your corresponding Secretary, Carrie R. Le Count, which have given me the liveliest satisfaction, please accept my thanks.

Rich and intrinsically valuable as they are, they have higher and nobler value to me, and shall be laid up with other treasures, endeared by sacred memories as a legacy to my children. The earnest of grateful appreciation of what I was enabled to do in behalf of those on whom organized sin

and wrong, had committed every outrage through generations. These gifts made more precious by the vote of preference which awarded them, are at once the exemplar and evidence that the race of colored men have the high virtue of gratitude, and the intelligence in the mass to appreciate the efforts made to raise their condition to equality of right.

Their soldiers in many fields under my eye have shown high courage, endurance and enthusiastic patriotism. Who shall say such men so willingly perilling their lives to save the Country, are not fit to take part in choosing their own ruler and enacting their own laws in the country which they have helped to rescue from its rebellious foes.

Permit me again to express my thanks for your favor, and believe me,

Faithfully your friend,

BENJ. F. BUTLER.

We would here state that the splendid portrait of Gen. Grant, by J. R. Lamdin, and valued at \$150, was presented to an Association which sent the largest number of votes for General Butler.

The following is a report of Mrs. Bowser's table at the Fair, held May 15th, 1865, and which was not inserted in full in the last report, owing to the non-disposition of the pictures at the time that report was issued.

Mrs. Lizzie H. S. Bowser's table,	\$842.26
By Mrs. Bowser, goods from ladies of Snow Hill,	
valued by them at	109.50
Donations, 1 picture frame from Earle & Sons,	30.00
do. E. Newland & Co.	20.00
do. J. Winterstein,	24.00
do. A. S. Robinson,	12.00
Donation of Photo Portrait of J. Brown, by	
Schriber & Sons,	10.00
Donation of Photo Portrait of Rev. J. Gibbs, by	
B. F. Reimer,	10.00
J. R. Lamdin's splendid portrait of Gen. Grant,	
valued at (awarded as a prize.)	150.00
Donation of 500 circulars by King & Baird,	5.00



Mrs. Bowser returns thanks to the following named Artists, for valuable donations of Pictures:

Thomas Sulley,  
W. E. Winner,  
P. F. Rothermel,  
J. R. Lamdin,  
George C. Lamdin,  
James Hamilton,  
S. B. Waugh,  
Isaac L. Williams,  
W. H. Wilcox,  
E. E. Moran,  
Thomas Moran,

Joseph Johns,  
George F. Bensell,  
J. P. Otter,  
George D. Wood,  
T. Henry Smith,  
Wm. P. Richards,  
F. De B. Richards,  
George T. Pettit,  
George W. Canaroe,  
D. B. Bowser.

The Association feel that they cannot close the report of this year's labors without publicly expressing their obligations to Dr. Jonathan Delacy, for the loan of his elegant Mineral Water Fountain, while their Fair was in operation, and their pleasure, that so liberal a gentleman and so true a friend to humanity should become the fortunate possessor of the picture of John Brown, freedom's truest martyr.

Respectfully,

M. V. BROWN,

*Recording Sec.*

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## OFFICERS.

Miss A. E. MILLS, *President.*  
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